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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, BQG
SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST OF MARCH 6
ON EXTENSION OF FRG LAWS TO BERLIN

REFS: (A) STATE 153118
(B) BONN 10631

1. THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, ON INSTRUCTIONS, HAVE INTRODUCED IN THE BONN GROUP THE CHANGES SET OUT BELOW TO THE AD REF REPLY (REF B) TO THE SOVIET PROTEST OF MARCH 6, 1978 ON THE EXTENSION OF FRG LAWS TO BERLIN. THIS REPLY AND THE REPLY ON LANDTAGE MEETINGS ARE TO BE GIVEN AT THE POLAD LEVEL IN BERLIN. THE FRENCH CHANGES WERE AGREED IN JULY AND THE UK EMBASSY HERE REPORTED THEM SINCE THE FCO'S APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINAL AD REF TEXT WERE STILL OUTSTANDING. THE FCO APPROVED THESE CHANGES AND OFFERED SOME OF ITS OWN, WHICH WERE GIVEN TO THE BONN GROUP ON AUGUST 1. THE FRG HAS AP-
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PROVED ALL CHANGES AND THE FRENCH ARE REPORTING BUT NOT SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS. IF THE QUAI DOES NOT OBJECT, THE FRENCH WILL CONSIDER THE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE QUAI.

2. IN PARAGRAPH B OF REF B, THE FCO WISHES TO REDRAFT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "THE

LAWS RATIFYING THESE CONVENTIONS WERE TAKEN OVER IN BERLIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ...". (COMMENT: THE FCO'S CHANGE IS TO EMPLOY THE USUAL TERMINOLOGY OF "TAKING OVER" FRG LAWS IN BERLIN. END COMMENT)

3. IN PARAGRAPH C, THE QUAI WISHES TO DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE. (COMMENT: "PURPORTING" APPARENTLY DOES NOT TRANSLATE WELL IN FRENCH. END COMMENT)

4. IN PARAGRAPH E, THE FCO WISHES TO SUBSTITUTE "TAKEN OVER" FOR "ADOPTED" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE.

5. IN PARAGRAPH F, THE FCO WISHES TO SUBSTITUTE "TAKEN OVER" FOR "ADOPTED" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE.

6. THE FCO WISHES TO REDRAFT PARAGRAPH G AS FOLLOWS:
"THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA ACCORDINGLY REJECTS TOTALLY THE ASSERTION THAT THE APPLICATION IN BERLIN OF THIS LEGISLATION IS CONTRARY TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT."

7. THE QUAI WISHES TO DELETE THE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF PARAGRAPH H.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: NOTIFICATION BY AUGUST 8 OF DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTION, IF ANY, TO ABOVE CHANGES.
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